

Consequences in the Life of David

2 Sam 12-15

1. David a success.
2. David became idle.
3. David had no accountability.
4. David disobeyed God's law in multiplying wives and concubines.
5. David didn't stop with temptation.
6. David didn't keep short sin accounts with God.
7. David Rationalized.
8. David's sin was found out.
9. David suffered consequences.
10. Others suffered because of David's sin.

Sincere repentance-there must be:

1. Transparent and open confession and admission of guilt
2. Willingness and strong desire to turn from sin.
3. Brokenness and sincere grief over sin.
4. Sincere and open clearing of conscience.
5. Claiming of God's grace and forgiveness.

2 Sam 12:13... *The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.*

Don't forget Nathan said the sword never depart from David's house

God, in His sovereignty, chose to have David pay consequences in own house!

2 Sam 12:10-11

When a man gets involved in sin, especially sin of immorality, he will pay the price in his household!

Job 4:8 *Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.*

John Lawrence, ...Confession and forgiveness in no way stop the harvest.

Never buy into philosophy which says that grace completely takes away all consequences for sin.

Eight Steps of Consequences in the Life of David

1. Unfaithfulness in His Marriage.

2 Sam 12:11

Neighbour: companion, intimate term ...refers to one of David's children.

While father in exile Absalom cohabits with some of David's wives.

2 Sam 16:21-22 Notice: on roof top

Absalom never learned from father how to love a wife.

One of most undeveloped parts of David's life--his relationships with others. Maybe one of the reasons David multiplied wives was because he didn't know how to totally give himself to another.

2 Sam 6:23

Charles P. Schmitt: ...*She resented his selfless love for Jehovah when he had none for her, and she resented the threat presented by those enthralled slave girls. This maxim is true: Hurting people hurt other people.*

2. The Death of a Child.

2 Sam 12:15-23 ... *But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.*

They don't understand why all of a sudden he is not grieving.

Now seems relieved.

David's response gives insight into trust and faith in God.

He believed in immortality of soul.

They didn't understand what came after death.

Job 19:25-26; 1 Cor 15:55

2 Sam 12:24 *And David comforted Bathsheba ...*

They suffered much anguish for years to come.

Bathsheba gave birth to 4 more boys, Solomon being last.

Solomon's name: peacefulness.

2 Sam 12:25

Jedidiah: beloved of Lord.

Not recall any other where God named a child of one of His servants.

2 Sam 12:26-31

3. Immorality among the Children.

One of David's sons rapes one of David's daughters.

Amnon had attraction to half-sister. 2 Sam 13:1

Incestuous lust.

2 Sam 13:2

Vexed: sexually frustrated. Lev. 18:11

Amnon gets help of a his cousin, Jonadab.

Amnon fakes illness.

2 Sam 13:11-15 ...*14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.*

Tamar goes to brother Absalom.

Lives rest of her life Absalom's house, a desolate woman.

Result: Absalom developed extreme hatred for Amnon.

2 Sam 13:20-22

4. Hatred Among the Children.

2 Sam 13:21 David enraged.

David never dealt with it.

5. Absalom Murders Amnon.

Where was David during all of this?

2 Sam 13:21

According to the law David should have had Amnon executed (Lev 20:17).

Why didn't he?

- Guilty over past
- Amnon David's first born--next in line to be king.
- Too busy

Swindoll: *That's all! Classic passivity. Incredible paternal preoccupation. His head is somewhere else. It has been for a long time. These kids have raised themselves, without the proper parental authority and discipline.*

Life in palace?

Alexander Whyte: *Polygamy is just Greek for dunghill. David trampled down the first and the best law of nature in his palace in Jerusalem, and for his trouble he spent all his after-days in a hell upon earth. David's palace was a perfect pandemonium of suspicion, and intrigue, and jealousy, and hatred – all breaking out, now into incest and now into murder. And it was in such a household, if such a cesspool could be called a household, that Absalom, David's third son by his third living wife, was born and brought up...*

A little ring of jealous and scheming parasites, all hateful and hating one another, collected round each one of David's wives. And it was in one of the worst of those wicked little rings that Absalom grew up and got his education. Whyte, Bible Characters, 309

After 2 years Absalom comes up with a plan.

2 Sam 13:27-30

6. A Rebellious Son. Absalom fled.

To Geshur to stay with grandfather Talmai, king of Geshur,
3 years.

7. Conspiracy. Absalom leads a conspiracy against father.

2 Sam 14:24-28

David's unwillingness to completely forgive and to restore his communication with his son created deep seated bitterness in Absalom.

Absalom banished from palace for another 2 years.

Appears every day at gates ... as people came to see David for counsel he would intercept them.

Assure them that even though their king didn't really have time for them and even though he really didn't care for them, he did.

After 4 years he won their hearts.

2 Sam 15:14 And David said ... Arise, and let us flee; ...

During this time David suffered loss of many close and personal friends.

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